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*America at war.* A handbook of patriotic education references. By Albert Bushnell Hart. [Patriotic publications of the National security league] (New York: George H. Doran company, 1918. 425 p.)

This manual is perhaps the most comprehensive and extensive of the many speakers' handbooks called into existence by the recent world war. It was "intended to aid speakers, writers, readers, and thinking people in general to visualize the present situation of the United States of America and to make the difficulties and dangers of the time clear to other people." It was also "intended to be something like the political campaign book to be carried in the pocket, read on the cars, and used as a source of arguments and discussions." It is, however, very different from the ordinary political campaign book in its careful preparation and scholarly character. The first edition appeared soon after the United States entered the war, and at a time when public opinion in this country was greatly confused. The manual aided, no doubt, in crystallizing public opinion and in mobilizing our vast resources for the war.

The book contains countless references to books and magazines, copies of important documents, a discussion of the immediate and remote causes of the war, an exposition of Germany's national ideals as well as methods of warfare, an orderly discussion of the steps and causes leading up to our action of April 6, 1917, as well as a discussion of world peace and world reorganization. In short, the volume is of permanent value and will have a distinct place in the literature of the war.

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*Development of the United States from colonies to a world power.* By Max Farrand, professor of history, Yale university. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin company, 1918. 356 p. \$1.50 net)

"A new interpretation of American History"—one "fundamentally different." The newness and the differences, apparently, are largely conceptions of the publishers. Mr. Farrand, however, has worthily performed a needed task in selecting from the enormous output of general histories and monographs certain topics that represent the more progressive methods of interpreting American history. He has made his selections with care and has presented them in a sprightly, suggestive manner.

From recent reviews as well as from personal examination, however, the reviewer feels that the anticipations aroused are only partially realized. In a work of this pretension the selection of topics is not a matter of mere personal choice. The author must have in mind the wishes and ideals of the people he represents and the need for information on the part of those for whom he writes. Most thoughtful readers will feel that